

Order 96-2-3

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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on the 5th day of February, 1996

INTRA-ALASKA CLASS SERVICE

MAIL RATES (Mainline Rate)

Docket 38961

ORDER ESTABLISHING FINAL SERVICE MAIL RATES

Summary

By this order the Department is setting final intra-Alaska mainline service mail rates for the period beginning with the date of issue of this order through June 30, 1996, or until further order of the Department, whichever occurs later.

Background

By Order to Show Cause 95-12-32, served December 29, 1995, the Department proposed final intra-Alaska mainline service mail rates to be effective from the date of issue of the final order pertaining to the rates proposed in Appendix A to Order 95-12-32 through June 30, 1996, or until further order of the Department, whichever occurred later. The proposed rates for the first half of 1996 were 7.54 percent lower than those in effect for the second half of 1995.

Northern Air Cargo filed a Notice of Objection to Order 95-12-32 on January 3, 1996. Answers were due on January 29, 1996; however, none were filed. Therefore, the Department makes final its tentative findings and conclusions specified in Order 95-12-32,

and establishes the rates set forth in Appendix A as the final rates for the period beginning with the date of issue of this order through June 30, 1996, or until further order of the Department, whichever occurs later.

ACCORDINGLY,

¹ Section 302.5 of the Department's Regulations provides that any person may file a Notice of Objection within 10 days of the service date of a show-cause order setting provisional mail rates. That section also provides that those persons filing a Notice of Objection may file an Answer, with detailed support, 20 days after they file their Notice of Objection. Frequently, as in this case, one or more of the parties filing a Notice of Objection do not follow up their Notice with an Answer.

1. We make final the tentative findings and conclusions specified in Order 95-12-32;
2. The fair and reasonable final rates of compensation to be paid in their entirety by the Postmaster General pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 41901 for the transportation of mail by mainline aircraft² over intra-Alaska routes, the facilities used and useful therefor, and the services connected therewith, by each holder of a certificate authorizing the transportation of mail by aircraft (except Reeve Aleutian Airways³) for the period beginning with the date of issue of this order through June 30, 1996, or until further order of the Department, whichever occurs later, are those specified in the attached Appendix A;
3. Because all interested persons have had an opportunity to comment on our Order to Show Cause (95-12-32), we shall not entertain petitions for reconsideration of this order, including any motions that may accompany such petition; and
4. We shall serve this order upon all parties to this proceeding.

By:

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² Mainline aircraft are those having a maximum payload greater than 7,500 pounds.

³ Rates applicable to mainline services over routes served by Reeve are contained in Orders 81-1-41 and 88-4-56.